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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COUNCIL JULY 16-17: HIGHLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY: IN THEIR CAPACITY OF PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, THE ITALIANS HAVE BRIEFED US ON THE JULY 16-17 MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. DURING THE TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS THE CHIEFS OF THE EC GOVERNMENTS HELD ROUTINE DISCUSSIONS ON EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND ON TIEMS CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE REQUEST OF MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL PLAJA, THE MINIS-  
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TRY'S CHIEF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OFFICE (BATTAGLINI) SUM-

MONED AN EMBASSY OFFICER ON JULY 18 TO PROVIDE US WITH A BRIEF-  
ING ON THE JULY 16-17 SESSION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. BAT-  
TAGLINI NOTED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE OF A "NORMAL CHARACTER"  
PERMITTING THE CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT TO EXCHANGE OPINIONS ON  
MAJOR PROBLEMS OF THE MOMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, BATTAGLINI  
OBSERVED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE TERM "EUROPEAN  
COUNCIL" HAS BEEN USED FORMALLY, SINCE THE DANES HAVE WITH-  
DRAWN THEIR OPPOSITION TO ITS USAGE IN A FORMAL CONTEXT. AL-  
THOUGH THE COUNCIL LACKED A STRUCTURED AGENDA IN CONSIDERA-  
TION OF THE FRENCH VIEWPOINT THAT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE FREE  
TO RAISE WHATEVER ISSUES THEY DESIRE, THE ITALIANS HAD PRO-  
POSED IN ADVANCE GENERAL FIELDS FOR DISCUSSION.

3. ACCORDING TO BATTAGLINI, DISCUSSIONS WERE DIVIDED INTO  
TWO BROAD CATEGORIES, COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND ITEMS CONCERNED  
WITH POLITICAL COOPERATION. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ITEMS TOUCHED  
UPON FOLLOW.

4. EVOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY: WITH REGARD TO THE CONCEPT  
OF DIRECT ELECTION OF A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL IN-  
STRUCTED THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO IT PRIOR  
TO THE END OF THE YEAR TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE REPORT  
OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ON THIS SUBJECT RELEASED IN JAN-  
UARY 4, 1975. THE COUNCIL ALSO AUTHORIZED A REPORT ON THE SUB-  
JECT OF EUROPEAN PASSPORTS WHILE IT INITIATED DISCUSSIONS ON  
THE SUBJECT OF THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS OF THE MEMBER STATES  
LIVING IN OTHER STATES OF THE EC.

5. CHINA: THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED ITS PLEASURE AT THE PRC'S  
DECISION TO ESTABLISH OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY  
AND NOTED THAT THIS OPENS THE WAY FOR GREATER COOPERATION BE-  
TWEEN THE PRC AND EUROPE TO WHICH THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT  
ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE.

6. PORTUGAL: BATTAGLINI NOTED THAT THIS SUBJECT WAS DIS-  
CUSSED WHILE MAJOR CHANGES WERE OCCURING IN THE POLITICAL SITU-  
ATION WITHIN PORTUGAL. NEVERTHELESS, THE COUNCIL DECIDED IN  
PRINCIPLE TO MAKE AID AVAILABLE TO THE PORTUGUESE. HOWEVER,  
THE COUNCIL STRESSED THAT IT MUST BE FAITHFUL TO THE COMMUN-  
ITY'S POLITICAL HISTORY AND TRADITIONS AND THUS COULD NOT HELP  
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OR SUPPORT ANYTHING OTHER THAN A DEMOCRACY OF A PLURALISTIC  
NATURE.

7. CSCE: ON CSCE, THE COUNCIL EXPRESSED ITS HOPE THAT THERE  
WILL BE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TO PERMIT THE CONCLUDING PHASE TO  
TAKE PLACE IN HELSINKI BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH. THE COUN-  
CIL ALSO AGREED TO A DECLARATION ON CSCE WHICH WILL REMAIN  
SECRET UNTIL THE DATE OF THE HELSINKI SESSION IS ANNOUNCED.

(BATTAGLINI SAID HE UNDERSTANDS A COPY OF THE DECLARATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US MISSION TO THE EC.) THE DECLARATION EVALUATES THE RESULTS OF CSCE AND THE ROLE OF THE EC-9 IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. BATTAGLINI SAID THAT THE DOCUMENT REFLECTS THE EVALUATIONS WHICH EVOLVED IN NATO DISCUSSIONS AT BRUSSELS.

8. DECLARATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS: THE COUNCIL ADOPTED A DECLARATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH EVOLVED FROM AN INITIATIVE OF FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER LAST MARCH. THE DECLARATION IS DESIGNED TO POINT OUT THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS, THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE UN, THE DESIRABILITY OF THE EC-9 TAKING INITIATIVES IN THE UN, AND THE NEED TO FACE UP TO THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. BATTAGLINI DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE DECLARATION (EMBASSY POUCHING A COPY TO DEPARTMENT, USUN AND BRUSSELS) WHICH STRESSED THE NEED TO RESPECT THE UN CHARTER AND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE. BATTAGLINI STATED THAT THIS PARAGRAPH WAS VERY CAREFULLY DRAFTED WITH THE MOVEMENT TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP VERY MUCH IN MIND.

9. THE COUNCIL ALSO CONSIDERED SUBJECTS OF RAW MATERIALS, ENERGY, AND THE ECONOMIC SITUATION, AND MONETARY MATTERS. THESE REPORTED SEPTEL.

10. AT CONCLUSION OF HIS BRIEFING, BATTAGLINI STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A TWO WAY DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE UNITED STATES. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT THE UNITED STATES ATTEMPT TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY ABREAST OF THE EVOLUTION OF ITS THINKING ON KEY ISSUES IN ORDER THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN EVOLVE ITS POLICIES IN PARALLEL WITH US RATHER THAN HAVING TO REACT TO MOVES WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN. VOLPE

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